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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously presented) An implantable medical device, comprising :

a sealed housing defining a chamber containing circuitry;

the housing having an exterior defining a recess;

a header received in the recess;

the header having a body defining a plurality of lead bores, and including an electrical contact within each bore, each contact connected to the circuitry in the housing; and

the housing recess encompassing a major portion of the header, wherein the recess has a plurality of recess surfaces abutting the header, each recess surface having

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at least a portion angularly offset from another of the surfaces, and wherein at least a plurality of the surfaces include a conductive feed-through extending from the housing chamber to the header.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) An implantable cardiac rhythm management device, comprising:

a sealed housing defining a chamber containing rhythm management circuitry;

the housing being a flat body with opposed major faces, and having a periphery defining a recess;

a header received in the recess;

the header having a body defining a plurality of lead bores, and including an electrical contact within each bore, each contact connected to the circuitry in the housing; and

the housing recess having recess surfaces abutting the header in at least three orthogonal directions.

15. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein the recess includes at least a pair of opposed surfaces between which the header is received.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15 wherein the opposed surfaces are parallel to each other.

17. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein the peripheral edge includes a straight edge portion, and wherein the recess is defined at an intermediate portion of the straight edge portion.

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18. (Currently amended) An implantable medical device, comprising :

a sealed housing defining a chamber containing rhythm management circuitry;

the housing being a flat body with opposed major faces, and having a periphery defining a recess;

a header received in the recess;

the recess having recess surfaces abutting the header in at least three orthogonal directions;

the header having a body defining a plurality of lead bores, and including an electrical contact within each bore, each contact connected to the circuitry in the housing; and

the periphery edge including several edge segment portions having different degrees of curvature, and wherein the recess is defined on an edge segment having the lowest degree of curvature.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The device of claim 18 wherein the housing periphery includes a corner portion having a selected radius of curvature less than that of at least another portion of the peripheral edge, and wherein the recess is positioned away from the corner portion.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) The device of claim 18 wherein the medical device comprises a cardiac rhythm management device.

23. (Previously presented) An implantable medical device, comprising :

a sealed housing defining a chamber containing circuitry;

the housing having an exterior defining a recess ;

a header received in the recess;

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the header having a body defining a plurality of lead bores, and including an electrical contact within each bore, each contact connected to the circuitry in the housing; and

the housing recess encompassing a major portion of the header, the recess including at least a pair of parallel opposed surfaces between which the header is received.

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